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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREVENTING LOADING AND EXECUTION
OF ROGUE OPERATING SYSTEMS IN A LOGICAL PARTITIONED DATA
PROCESSING SYSTEM**

A method, apparatus, and computer instructions for managing operating systems. A request from an operating system is received in the multi-partitioned data processing system to register for access to hardware in the multi-partitioned data processing system. The request includes a key code for the operating system. A determination is made as to whether the operating system is an authorized operating system using the key code in response to receiving the request. The operating system is registered if the operating system is the authorized operating system. Otherwise, the operating system is terminated.